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SUBJECT: Dr. Raúl OSEQUEDA, ex-Guatemalan Foreign Minister Goes to Mexico

Dr. Raúl OSEQUEDA, ex-Guatemalan Foreign Minister under President Arbenz in 1952, left Guatemala on October 2 to live in exile in Mexico with the permission of the present Guatemalan Government. Dr. Osequeda was arrested in July and remained in jail until his departure.

The official Diario de Centro America of October 4 stated that the Committee for National Defense Against Communism had offered to release Dr. Osequeda from jail and to transfer his status to that of forced residence within the limits of Guatemala City under the provisions of the anti-Communist law, decree 59. It said that Dr. Osequeda refused this offer, asking to go to Mexico, and that the Foreign Ministry had given him a passport and visa. A spokesman of the Committee was quoted as denying categorically that Osequeda had been forced to leave the country.

In a talk with an Embassy officer at the airport, Dr. Osequeda gave account varying in some details from this official version. He said the authorities had offered to place him under house arrest but he had said he preferred to stay in jail if he could not lead a normal life. The authorities had then offered to let him go to Mexico and he had replied that he would want to go there but that he had no money to travel or to live. The authorities had promised to take care of this and he had agreed to go. He proposes to live with a married daughter who lives in Mexico City.

For the Chargé d'Affaires, a.i.

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